

RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
June 13 and 14, 2017

County of Knox

To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Camden, Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Camden, required by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Camden Public Safety Building, Washington Street in said Town on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the forenoon to 8:00 p.m. in the afternoon to vote on Articles 1 and 3 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened at the Camden Opera House Auditorium on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant. All of said Articles being set out below, to wit:

Article 1

Deborah Dodge was elected Moderator to preside at said meeting. Mrs. Dodge led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and declared the polls open.

THE POLLS OPENED AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAD BEEN ACTED UPON AND REMAINED OPEN FOR VOTING ON ARTICLES 2 & 3 BY SECRET BALLOT UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING. 1179 TOWN BALLOTS WERE CAST.

Article 2

To elect by secret ballot

Two Select Board Members for three year terms (Select Board members shall serve as Overseers of the Poor, and Wastewater Commissioners); and

Robert Falciani and Alison McKellar were elected

One Select Board Member for a one year term (Select Board member shall serve as Overseers of the Poor, and Wastewater Commissioners); and

Jenna Lookner was elected

Two Directors of Maine School Administrative District #28/CSD #19 for three year terms; and

Matthew Dailey and Elizabeth Noble were elected

One member of the Personnel Board for a three year term.

David Miramant was elected

Article 3

Shall the town vote to adopt the proposed 2017 Comprehensive Plan?

Note: The full text of the proposed amendment to be enacted by this article has been certified by the Chairperson of the Select Board and is attached to this Warrant.

YES 1189 No 167

The following Articles 4-24 will be "FLOOR" articles to be voted on by registered voters on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Camden Opera House Auditorium

Moderator Deborah Dodge reopened the adjourned meeting at 7:00pm. The remainder of the Warrant Articles were voted on as follows:

Article 4

The Town voted to amend the Harbor & Waterway Ordinance Article VI, Section 8(B) (4) which would permit the extension of the Lyman Morse existing float system in the Outer Harbor, by adding the following underlined language to the existing text: "Municipal piers and municipal launching ramps, and extensions of existing dock systems for commercial marinas established on or before June 13, 2017, shall be exempt from (1) and (2)."

Article 5

The Town voted to approve and adopt a DRAFT Development Agreement dated March 13, 2017 by and between the Town of Camden and Cynthia L. Reed regarding the restoration of the American Boathouse.

Article 6

The Town voted to amend the Camden Zoning Ordinance, Article VIII Harbor Business District: Amend Section 12 E (6) by adding an additional sub-paragraph (c) as follows:

"c. Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph a. above, residential use shall be permitted at street level in structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places if they were listed on the Register on June 13, 2017, the date of the creation of this sub-section c."

Article 7

The Town voted to authorize and direct its Select Board or it's duly authorized designee of the Town to:

- A. Exercise the Put Option described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of the Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC), a Limited Partnership; and
- B. To execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such documents, and to take further actions as the Select Board or said designee may deem necessary or appropriate in order to exercise the above described "Put Option" and to assign the Town's limited partnership interest to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) Limited Partnership as contemplated thereby.

Note: This article directs the Select Board to exercise a Put Option described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership, (the "PERC Partnership Agreement"). By exercising this Put Option, the Town is electing to require that Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership ("PERC") repurchase the Town's limited partnership interest in PERC on the terms described in Section 9.3 of the PERC Partnership Agreement in exchange for a cash payment equal to the Town's proportionate share on One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000), which represents the agreed upon aggregate value of all limited partnership interest held by the Town and other similarly situated municipal members of the Municipal Review Committee.

Article 8

The Town of Camden voted to transfer the monies received for its equity interest in PERC to the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Jacobs Quarry Closure Reserve (a restricted account).

Note: By a Consent Decree signed with the State of Maine and by requirements included in the Interlocal Agreement creating Mid Coast Solid Waste, the four member towns are responsible for meeting closure requirements of the Jacobs Quarry Demolition Landfill in Rockport, Maine. The last closure cost estimate is approximately \$2.4 million. The current balance of the Jacobs Quarry Closure Reserve, a restricted account, is \$1.3 million. Estimated remaining life of the landfill is 5-7 years.

Article 9

The Town voted to accept an Easement Deed from Heather C. Hearst to the Town which serves to clarify the Town's ownership and location of a small triangular piece of land located within the public right of way at the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Union Street.

Note: A full copy of the proposed easement deed with a legal description and sketch prepared by Landmark Surveying, Inc are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Article 10

The Town voted to convey through a Municipal Release Deed a portion of a 15 foot strip of land to Susan and Jeffery Jordan and in return reserve easement rights and additionally accept an appurtenant access Easement Deed from the Jordan's over a 25 foot wide strip of land located on a portion of their real property located on Harden Avenue, as depicted on Camden Tax Map 12 Lot 110, so as to create deeded access to the existing Harden Avenue Storm water drainage system, while preserving all Town rights to maintain, repair and replace said drainage system.

Note: A full copy of the Draft Release Deed and the Easement Deed with a legal description are on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection during regular Office Hours

Article 11

The Town voted to set October 15, 2017 or the next regular business day thereafter, and May 1, 2018 or the next regular business day thereafter, as due dates for taxes and to fix the rate of interest on unpaid taxes at 7% per year.

Article 12

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept grants, gifts, real estate and other funds, including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town

Article 13

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town of Camden, provided however that the Apollo Tannery property as described in Book 3148 Pages 278 and 280, excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4093 Page 81, shall be disposed of subject to the requirements of Article 10 of the Town Warrant from the Annual Town Meeting held on June 10, 2008?

Steven Gold made a motion to amend Article 13 as follows:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town of Camden, except that the Apollo Tannery property as described in Book 3148 Pages 278 and 280, excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4093 Page 81, shall be disposed of subject to the requirements of Article 10 of the Town Warrant from the Annual Town Meeting held on June 10, 2008. And also the Apollo Tannery property can only be disposed of by a vote of Town Meeting?

The Town voted to approve the amended motion for Article 13.

Article 14

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended; and further authorize the Town Manager to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended, which has a market value of less than three thousand dollars?

Article 15

The Town voted to authorize the Select Board, following a public hearing, to transfer an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the unexpended balances from any budgetary category to another budgetary category of the annual budget, subject to the limitations contained in this Article, during the period from April 1 to the date of the annual town meeting in June? The transfer of unexpended balances from various budgetary categories shall not increase the expenditure in any budgetary category by an amount which exceeds two-twelfths (2/12) of the budgeted amount approved for that budgetary category by the annual town meeting.

Article 16

The Town authorized the Select Board to undertake facility infrastructure projects, including (some or all of the following):

Storm Drain Improvements

\$ 150,000

Mechanic/Washington Street Parking Lot & Retaining Wall	\$ 208,000
Montgomery & Seabright Dam Repairs	\$50,000

and to finance the projects by issuing general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$408,000, which bonds may be made callable.

The Budget Committee and Select Board both recommend.

**TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE
TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Total Town Indebtedness as of June 30, 2017

Bonds outstanding and unpaid:		\$10,505,356
Municipal	\$9,058,698	
County	\$298,605	
Schools	\$1,148,053	
Bonds Authorized and Unissued:		\$0.00
Bonds to be Issued if this Article is Approved:		\$517,943
Total Indebtedness:		\$11,023,299

Cost of the Bonds

At an estimated interest rate of a range between 1.8% to 3.0% for a term of ten (10) years, the estimated costs of issue the bonds will be:

Principal	\$408,000
Estimated Interest	\$62,943
<u>Total Debt</u>	<u>\$517,943</u>

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimate of the cost of the bonds. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the obligation is not affected by reason of the variance.

Virginia B. Lindsey,
Deputy Treasurer
Town of Camden

Article 17

The Town voted to allocate \$18,000 of Tax Increment Financing revenues collected from the Downtown TIF District to partially offset the cost of street lighting and related equipment to be installed on Elm Street.

Article 18

The Town voted to appropriate \$2,504,190 from non-property tax revenue sources to be used in reducing the property tax commitment for the expenditures in the following article for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The Budget Committee and Select Board both recommend.

ARTICLE 18 PASSED

Article 19

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, net of non-property tax revenues, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget for the following purposes, or act thereon:

	<u>Budget Committee Recommends</u>	<u>Select Board Recommends</u>
A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,931,195	\$1,883,295
B. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$2,215,496	\$2,224,996
C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	\$1,482,450	\$1,494,450

D. HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 29,200	\$ 29,200
E. LEISURE SERVICES	\$1,049,240	\$1,063,740
F. CEMETERIES	\$ 95,800	\$ 97,900
G. DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY	<u>\$1,549,638</u>	<u>\$1,559,638</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures A through G:	\$8,353,019	\$8,353,019

The town voted to approve the Select Board recommended amounts for Expenditure Lines A-G above for a total \$8,353,019.

Article 20

The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215,645 to pay the annual assessment of Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation.

Article 21

The town voted to increase the property tax levy limit established by State law to cover the municipal budget approved by all the preceding articles, if necessary.

Due to the results of voting on Article 19, a vote was not required on Article 21.

Article 22

The Town voted to elect Elaine Davis to serve on the Board of Trustees of the W. H. Pascal Fund for a term of three years.

Article 23

- A. The Town voted to elect the following eight members to the Budget Committee for three year terms each terms to expire in June 2020.

Mark Benjamin	Taylor Benzie	Sandy Cox
Mark Coursey	Karla Dremus-Tranfield	Shannon Herring
Kristin Sidwell	Peter Berke	

- B. The Town voted to elect Jo Morina-Doran for a two year term on the Budget Committee to expire in June 2019.
- C. The Town voted to elect Robin McIntosh for a one year term on the Budget Committee to expire in June 2018.

Article 24

The Town voted to elect three regular members and two alternate members to serve on the Budget Nominating Committee for a one year term expiring in June 2018.

Regular Members: Lowrie Sargent, Richard Thackeray, and Jean White
 Alternate Members: Don White

180 registered voters attended the Annual Town Meeting.

A motion was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katrina Oakes
 Town Clerk